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## Happy St. Patricius Magonus Sucatus Day!

By Gloria O'Yahn

Leprechauns. "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." Shamrocks. "Great Day for the Irish." Erin Go Bragh. "McNamara's Band."

You guessed it! With all those hints, today has to be the day to remember Patricius Magonus Sucatus. Better known as St. Patrick.

Patron saint of Ireland who brought Christianity to that land, St. Patrick was born around the year 389 A.D. I say "around" because no two sources seem to agree on the date of his birth. The only fact of his birth they agree on is that he definitely was **not** born in Ireland.

He is said to have been born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, Scotland; in a village close to Glastonbury, England; in Monmouthshire, England; in Tours, France; and in Wales.

The earliest observance of St. Patrick's Day in the United States is said to have been in Boston, in the year 1737, by the Charitable Irish Society. Founded that year for the relief of poor and indigent Irishmen reduced by sickness, shipwreck, old age or other infirmities, it was considered a Protestant organization.

What is the significance of the "Wearin o' the Green." Well, as I understand it, St. Patrick was explaining the Trinity to converts with the shamrock. The leaves represent the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and the stem was the Godhead itself.

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is primarily a religious holiday – not a raucous event – celebrated with a three-day period of devotion. Of course, the most popular observances seem to be the "other ways" it has been and is celebrated.

At one time in local inns in Ireland, it is said a "Patrick's pot" of beer or whiskey, bread, and fish was provided by the owners. And at breakfast, a plateful of shamrocks was placed before the master of the house. He "drowned the shamrocks"

in whiskey and sent the remainder of the newly opened bottle to the servants.

Whether you celebrate by "taking a nip" of Irish whiskey, tinting your hair green, attending a parade, or sending special greetings to friends and relatives, there's a contemporary American slogan that says: "Everybody's a little bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day!"

I agree. So on behalf of all of us Irish, I thank you, Patricius Magonus Sucatus, for giving us this special day.

## How we fete St. Pat

How do several of Bryant's Irish celebrate St. Patrick's Day? Their comments:

*Dan Barry*

Bryant's director of major gifts says he carries on a family tradition: the placing of a sign on the front door that reads "Cead Mile Failite," which means a hundred thousand welcomes. The sign actually is placed on the door on March 1 and left there the entire month.

*Pat Keeley*

The English professor said his family would have a big celebration when both sets of his grandparents were alive. They would invite all relatives to their home, where they were asked to display their talents. Cousins, aunts, and uncles brought instruments; other family members sang or read poetry. "Now that my grandparents are not alive, we carry on the tradition but on a smaller scale... there is still much fun and we celebrate in the

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### Teacher-writer-painter-businessman, that's Jim Ingraham

by Bill Rupp, Editor

Jim Ingraham is writing mystery stories again. And quite well, thank you.

The April issue of *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine* attests to his skill. It carries his story, "Mystery of the Chinese Ball."

Writing again? you ask. Yes. You see, the professor of American civilization and founder and chair of Bryant's social sciences department gave up putting words on paper around 1967.

"I got piled up in a direction I didn't want to go," Ingraham said.

He had spent the years after World War II writing as a living while holding down part-time jobs, going to college and graduate school, and teaching high school and college English. That's how he got to Bryant in 1955. To teach English.

But when his literary agent died at about the same time his children were growing up and his creative drive "slowed to a halt," he gave up writing. He thought for good.

Ingraham soon found that he needed something to burn up the excess energy he used to put into writing. That led him first to organizing the faculty federation at Bryant, the first teachers' union in the country to achieve collective bargaining.

Being a labor leader got kind of boring, though, he said, so he began looking around for something else.

"I was driving home from Maine one day with my wife (Slim) when we saw several women painting by the road," he said. "We got out to look, and I said 'I can do that.'"

Ingraham did. After painting a "not very good" landscape with \$20 worth of paints and supplies he ran out and bought immediately. Ingraham took a year of instruction from a Providence painter, and practiced six to seven hours a day.

"I didn't even mind the children bothering me," he said, unlike when he wrote. "They'd come in and smear my paints, do almost anything they wanted."

Before long, he began to produce and sell landscapes and portraits. A portrait he did of Dr. Samuel Adelson, the first Jewish doctor to head the Rhode Island Medical Society, hangs in Turo Synagogue in Newport. Commissioned by Mrs. Adelson, it is the only portrait to hang there, America's oldest synagogue. Other of his paintings decorate his office.

Believe it or not, Ingraham actually started out wanting to be a musician. The Maine native began studying music at the University of Southern California. But the war took him away from college. After he put in a tour of duty with the Marines in the Pacific, Ingraham went back to college, but found that "the edge was gone."

He didn't really know why then, but "life as a musician didn't appeal to me anymore," he said. It was not until a few years ago, he said, that he discovered he had ear damage, probably caused

Jim Ingraham



by the shelling and bomb blasts of the war.

It was after he gave up music for good — "I don't even own a piano," Ingraham said — that he took up writing.

"I suspect there was a connection between pounding the piano and the typewriter," he said.

Ingraham began by selling short stories and paperbacks. He chose mysteries because "I read somewhere that you should write what you like to read."

Ingraham also is in love with the word processor. It is surely one of the reasons he decided to get back into writing.

"It takes the drudgery out of writing," he says. "I believe that if someone like Ernest Hemingway had had a word processor, he would be alive and writing today."

As a teacher for more than 30 years, Ingraham said he feels that his out-of-classroom vocations have definitely helped him better relate subject matter to students. His is an anecdotal type of teaching, he said.

"I illustrate abstraction through anecdotes," he says, most of which come from within himself. Students register for his classes, he said he has been told, because they like his teaching style.

As if writing, painting, and teaching aren't enough, Ingraham also operates a wholesale business from his Connecticut home. He sells clock motors and parts to craftsmen from around the world under the company name of Yankee Ingenuity, for which he holds a trademark.

How does Ingraham describe himself? A Renaissance man? A jack-of-all trades? He doesn't really know.

"I just know I need a variety of outlets," he said.

And he doesn't think his achievements are all that remarkable. He feels that anyone with the drive to achieve can do almost anything.

"It's not enough just to say you want to write, or play the piano, or paint," Ingraham says. "You must work hard to achieve it."

Rembrandt once said, Ingraham repeated, that if people knew how long and hard he had worked to do what he did, they wouldn't have been as impressed with his work.

Let's call Ingraham what he is. A teacher-writer-painter-businessman. There may not be a better combination to teach American civilization.



# Drinan, Firmage to launch God, government series

Former Massachusetts congressman, Father Robert Drinan, will speak and be quizzed by three local panelists tomorrow evening when Bryant's God and government series opens in Janikies Auditorium.

The four-part series then continues next Wednesday (March 26) with Brigham Young descendent and former Mormon Church official Edwin Firmage speaking and being questioned by three other local panelists.

Both forums begin at 7 p.m.

Father Drinan opens the series, titled "God and Government: On the Appropriate Role Between Religious Beliefs and Public Policy," by addressing the question: "To What Extent Should Religion Influence Public Policy?" His viewpoint will be examined by former Rhode Island Governor J. Joseph Garrahy; Rabbi David Rosen, of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, and Brown University history professor William McLoughlin.

Firmage will address the clash of "The First Amendment and The Third Commandment." He will be probed by Rhode Island American Civil Liberties Union director Steven Brown; Bryant's humanities coordinator, Professor William Haas; and the Rev. Errol Hunt, of Hood Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church of Providence.

Father Drinan, a five-term congressman, is now a professor of law at Georgetown University, specializing in international human rights, constitutional law, civil liberties, and legislation and arms control.

The Jesuit priest served as 4th District congressman from 1971 to 1981. As a representative, he served on the House committees on the judiciary, internal security and government operations, and select committee on aging, and was on the executive committees of the New England Congressional Caucus, Environmental Study Conference, and House Democratic Study Group, and the steering committee of Members of Congress for Peace Through Law.

Father Drinan holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Boston College, L.L.B. and LL.M. degrees from Georgetown, an S.T.D. from Gregorian University in Rome, and honorary degrees from 16 colleges and universities around the country. A frequent speaker and writer, he has authored a variety of publications, including "Religion, The Courts and Public Policy" and "Vietnam and Armageddon." He is a member of the editorial council of the *Journal of Church and State*.

Firmage is a great-great-grandson of Brigham Young and a former bishop and high councilman for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He currently is a professor at the University of Utah College of Law, specializing in constitutional and international law.

Firmage is a former White House and Harvard Law School Fellow, and a former visiting scholar

Father Robert Drinan



for the United Nations at the 1971 Geneva arms control talks. As a White House Fellow he served on vice-president Hubert Humphrey's staff, specializing in civil rights and urban problems.

The law professor holds B.A. and M.S. degrees from Brigham Young, and J.D. and LL.M. degrees from the University of Chicago. A prolific writer, Firmage has authored numerous papers and books, including "The Church in Politics" and "The War Powers and the Political Question Doctrine." He is currently working on a manuscript dealing with the attempts of religion and law to constrain force and war.

Bryant is funding the God and government series with the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities (RICH), a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Professors Bill Hill and Joan Marsella are coordinating the series.

## Women form new club

There's a new club on campus!

The Bryant Professional Women's Association (BPWA) was officially recognized by the Student Senate in December. The club is off to a strong start, with one of the largest memberships on campus.

One of the club's goals is to inform the women of Bryant about the upcoming challenges they will face in the business world. To help achieve that goal, the club plans to develop a monthly newsletter concerning various women's issues.

This semester, the women's association also plans a Women's Expo on April 3; a banquet on April 9; a trip to the University of Rhode Island Women's Center, and a Spring Weekend cookie sale fund raiser.

Officers of the club are: president, Joan Gennette, a junior CIS major; vice-president, Karen Katcher, a sophomore marketing major; secretary, Judith Vlcek, a sophomore CIS major, and treasurer, Susan Parker, a sophomore HIM major.

The club meets monthly and is always open to new members. For more information, contact Judith Vlcek at Box 2286.

# QUICKLY

...**John Winters**, director of the Center for Student Development, conducted a workshop at the National Conference on the Freshman Year Experience at the University of South Carolina in mid-February. It was titled "Beat Academic Probation," using Bryant's program as the model...

...**Praja Trivedi**, assistant professor of economics, presented a paper at the Canada-India: Conference on the Public Economy at Carleton University in Ottawa in late February. The paper is titled "Public Enterprise in India: If Not for Profit Then for What?". Trivedi also has been hired as a consultant to the Providence Water Supply Board. He will be evaluating an alternative accounting system for the board...

...**Janet Morahan-Martin** has been chosen to serve on the program committee of the American Psychological Association's division of population and environment. She will review papers and coordinate the division's activities for the APAs convention in August...

...**Roy Nelson**, dean of admissions, has been appointed to the National Committee on Financial Aid for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. The term is three years...

...**Les LaFond**, vice-president for student affairs, has been elected to a three-year term on the American College Personnel Association Commission II Directorate. The term begins at the ACPA national convention in New Orleans, April 9 - 13...

...**Rosemary D'Arcy**, assistant director of The CENTER, addressed the February meeting of the Hartford Women's Network. To approximately 150 professional women from the Hartford area, she spoke on "Marketing Yourself: The Subject is You"...

...**Judy Bellante** and **Judy Clare**, coordinator and assistant coordinator, respectively, of career services, have been named membership co-chairpersons for the Rhode Island Association of Women Deans, Administrators, and Counselors...

# CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 17

**St. Patrick's Day**

**Advanced Lotus 1-2-3**

Seminar  
The CENTER  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

**God and Government Series**

"To What Extent Should Religion  
Influence Public Policy?"

Main speaker: Robert F. Drinan, S.J.  
Janikies Auditorium  
7 – 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

**Developing Management Skills  
for New Managers and Supervisors**

Seminar  
The CENTER  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

**Bryant Baseball**

vs. St. Joseph's & Salve Regina  
Home  
11 a.m.

**Bryant Softball**

vs. Boston University  
Home  
3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

**Palm Sunday**

**Eucharist**

CMD conference room  
noon and 9 p.m.

**Protestant service**

MRC conference room  
noon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

**Bryant Baseball**

vs. Boston University  
Home  
3 p.m.

**God and Government Series**

"The First Amendment and the  
Third Commandment"

Main speaker: Edwin B. Firmage  
Janikies Auditorium  
7 – 8:30 p.m.



THURSDAY, MARCH 27

**Bryant Softball**  
vs. Curry College  
Home  
3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

**Good Friday**  
Half day holiday  
**Easter recess begins**

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

**Easter**

## St. Patrick's Day

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same spirit." Or did he mean with the same "spirits"?

*Allison Reid*

The junior from Lyndhurst, New Jersey will go to McSaurley's, the oldest pub in Manhattan, "where everybody goes." Her parents will attend a party at the Irish Club, complete with corned beef and cabbage, green beer, and Irish soda bread.

*Pat Kelly*

The assistant librarian says that "I've been known to tip a few jars of stout," a common way to end the day in Ireland. In that country, he says, it's a holy day for the Irish.

*Bill Sweeney*

The economics professor begins the day by remembering his father, who was born on March 17. He enjoys being Irish and "I like to brag about it. I take a nip of the water made available by the leprechauns." He'll be celebrating today at home "by making merry with family and friends."

*Andrea Darcey*

The senior from Winsted, Connecticut will watch her father march in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. He marches with a police organization.

## Tuition, room and board fees set for '86-87

The Board of Trustees has set Bryant's tuition and room and board fees for the 1986-87 academic year.

As approved in late February, the new tuition rate is \$5,500 per year, or approximately 7.8 percent higher than this year. Room fees range from \$1,915 to \$2,930, depending on living accommodations. The new board fee for the full-meal plan is \$1,695. A new \$100 fee to support the Bryant Center also will be levied.

All new fees reflect increases over current charges. Fees this year are \$5,100 for tuition, \$1,765 to \$2,730 for room, and \$1,555 for the full-meal plan.

The Board set the rates to preserve "Bryant's reputation for value in relation to other private institutions offering similar programs..." while recognizing the projected costs of the various elements of the two strategic plans: Catalyst for Quality and Designs for Quality.

The new rates were announced in a letter by President O'Hara sent to parents and students in early March. The letter said, in part: "Bryant is a college that is alive with activities and progress related to our strategic planning efforts—efforts which, over the course of the next decade, will help us achieve the levels of excellence in academic and student life that will continue to make Bryant the first choice of students seeking a quality business education..."

...To support the realization of these academic improvements and maintain the already high quality of the Bryant learning experience, the Board of Trustees has approved a tuition increase... which compares favorably with projected tuition increases throughout higher education for next year."

The letter said also that "fees have been established in light of a continuing Bryant tradition—a real concern shared by the faculty, administrators, and trustees that a Bryant education remain affordable and valuable to our students."

## Classifieds

Wanted to rent, 3-bedroom *house or apartment*, from May through September. Call John Winters at ext. 6045.

For sale, DP *exercise bike*, \$75 like new. Call Bill Rupp at ext. 6121.